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TAGS: PDEV, UK, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CONSERVATIVES AND HELMS AMENDMENT

REF: LONDON 11128

1. CONSERVATIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN JOHN DAVIES  
PHONED THE EMBASSY JULY 20 TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF  
HELMS AMENDMENT AND TO OBTAIN OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS OF  
SENATORS EAGLETON, JAVITS AND MCGOVERN, WHOM HE  
PLANNED TO PHONE DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY TO

ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR ITS  
PASSAGE. HE STRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR ASSESSMENTS FROM  
OTHER THAN SENATORS HELMS AND HAYAKAWA WITH WHOM HE  
HAS BEEN IN TOUCH. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN A READ  
OUT FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDED THE REQUESTED  
PHONE NUMBERS.

2. AFTER OBTAINING STATUS REPORT FROM H (LANPHER),  
EMBOFF PASSED INFORMATION ON TO DAVIES' DEPUTY,  
RICHARD LUCE. LUCE WAS APPRECIATIVE AND SAID OFFICIAL  
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CONSERVATIVE POSITION IS THAT DAVIES WILL NOT ACCEPT  
SENATORIAL INVITATIONS TO VISIT WASHINGTON (REFTEL),  
BUT THAT THIS DECISION MIGHT BE RECONSIDERED FOLLOWING  
CONVERSATIONS WITH EAGLETON, ET AL. LUCE STESSEE THAT  
IN NO RPT NO EVENT WOULD OFFICIAL TORY REPRESENTATIVES  
ADVOCATE OR SUPPORT APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT, AND  
PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBOFF IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY

CHANGE IN THE PARTY'S CURRENT POSITION ON DAVIES VISIT.

3. LUCE ALSO REPORTED THAT SEVERAL TORY BACKBENCHERS HAVE GONE OR WILL BE GOING TO THE U.S. IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS FROM HELMS AND OTHERS, AND WILL PRESUMABLY BE LOBBYING FOR AMENDMENT. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT AND DOMESTIC DIFFICULTY FOR PARTY LEADERS, THEY ARE UNABLE TO PREVENT THEIR MPS FROM GOING AND SUPPORTING HELMS.

4. COMMENT: THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP IS CLEARLY UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM ITS BACKBENCHERS AND GRASS ROOTS SUPPORTERS ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IS SO FAR RESISTING THESE PRESSURES. WE ALSO INFER THAT THE SHADOW CABINET MAY BE DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE. WE BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL THAT DAVIES IS SEEKING VIEWS OF SENATE MODERATES AND THAT HE IS CONTINUING TO RESIST EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE CURRENT TORY POLICY. IN LATTER REGAD, DAVIES HAS SENT A LETTER TO HIS CONSTITUENTS--TEXT OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR AND IS BEING FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL--IN WHICH HE SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF THE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS.  
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